Telecast of regional films

511. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional films that had been telecast on Doordar-shan network on last two years with details thereof, language-wise;

(b) whether it lis a fact that a large number of South Indian films had been telecast on TV network, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons for telecasting very few Gujarati or Marathi films on national network; and

(d) whether there is. any demand to change the criteria for the sele tion of regional films for national network?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Seventy Six Regional films were telecast on the National Network during 1986 and 1987. A language-wise break-up of these films is given in the attached statement (See below) .

(b) and (c) Doordarshan telecasts in its national network only those Regional films which have won National Award of Rajat Kamal as the best film in a particular language or best or second best award in all languages comblined or which have entered in the Indian Panorama Section of any International Film Festival of lndia Filmotsav.

Regional films fulfilling above criteria and found suitable are telecast on rotational basis so as to give adequate representation to all the languages. However, films fulfilling the eligibility criteria have of late not been available in some languages as compared to films in some other languages. With a view to telecasting faature films in those regional languages dialects which are not eligible for National Network, a new chunk has been introduced with effect from 11.7.1987 for telecast of films from Delhi and linked transmitters on every second and Fourth Saturday each month.

(d) A few suggestions for tevising the eligibility criteria for telecast of the Regional films on National hookup have been received. No change, however, is contemplated at present. Statement

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Language-wise break-up of number of regional language films telecast during 1986 *and* 1987.

S. No, Language	No. of films
1. Assamese	9
2. Bengali	11
3. Gujarati	1
4. Kannada	10
5. Khasli	1
6. Malayalam	9
7. Manipuri	1
8. Marathi	8
9. Oriya	6
10. Punjabi	2 1
11. Sanskrit	
12. Telugu	8 9
13. Tamil	
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*The figure does not include regional language films telecast tin the chunk meant for late night movies.

Delay in release of finance by HUD

512. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of State Governments and Public Sector housing agencies have complained to